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SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether `Scientific Exchange Programmes` with foreign countries are being conducted regularly;

(b) if so, the details of such programmes undertaken during the last three years; (

(c) whether the State Governments are being consulted to sponsor / recommend scientists for these programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 693 FOR 14.5.2002 REGARI SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES.

Yes, Sir. Scientific exchanges have been taking place on the basis of specific programmes of cooperation mutually agreed with the collaborating countries. These exchange programmes cover the visits of scientists broadly under the following modes of cooperation:

- Joint Workshops/Seminars/Symposia;
- Joint Research Projects;
- Visits of Indian scientists to utilize major research facilities abroad;
- Project development / exploratory missions;
- Fellowships; and
- Training

During the last three years such Programmes have been implemented with Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, DPR Korea, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhsthan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico Moldova, Mongolia, Myanamar, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovak, Slovenia, Sr Lanka, South Africa, Syria, Tajikisthan, Ukrain, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yugoslavia. The level of exchanges depends on the mutuality of interest with respective countries. While scientific exchanges are supported by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) under the above modes, mainly aimed at project mode cooperation, the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), an autonomous body under the DST supports individual scientific exchanges also under the arrangements it has signed with similar agencies in foreign countries.

The proposals for scientific exchanges under the approved programmes are invited through open calls in scientific magazines, email circulars, internet etc. Proposals from Universities / Institutions / Organisations belonging to State Governments for carrying out scientific work, are also considered alongwith other proposals received.